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**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed
Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the
Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
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708-720-2199. I am very concerned about this proposed acquisition by the Canadian Railway for a number of reasons, but to highlight the ones that give me the greatest concern and I have attended the EIS meetings and I've read about the reports and um the blockage of the um crossings will greatly impact the possibility of emergency services getting through to people who may need ambulances, or police, or uh fire um, where I live, it's especially bad because you go to have uh practically no way of getting here without a very, very round about method which would probably take an extra ten minutes for an ambulance to get to somebody's house. There's also schools and a very big uh childrens park where handicapped children are sometimes taken care of and that's very near the trains and the schools, uh, President Bush's worried about um leaving children behind and these kids at this large middle school will be left behind because the busses won't get them to school on time and I think the teachers will have a problem getting to school on time. And I worry more, importantly, about the uh safety factor. Um, the other thing that I find uh unbelievable, is that in the event that this is approved, and I certainly hope that it is not because of the um uh major reasons I mentioned, the safety factor, um I, but if it does get approved, and there are things that have to be done, these areas that I refer to will still be blocked because they're not evidently considered important enough uh and there is no way that the Village or the State of Illinois is going to come up with the kind of money um that is needed to uh to build underpasses or overpasses to getting through this area, and as they say, there could be on many occasions three crossings that are blocked all at the same time making it impossible uh to get uh through and uh so obviously a great concern to me, a senior citizen and to all the children in the area. So I hope that the uh Board will take into consideration uh, these factors. Thank you